

Looking for a Domestic Wife.
BY KIT CARVER.
"I hardly know which I like best, Josephine Reynolds or Hattie Durko," said young Benson to himself. Josephine is a splendid looking girl, a queen in every movement, and commands

acquaintance wherever the guests, but on the other hand, Hattie is a little girl, and has a sweet disposition, although, perhaps, Josephine had a good deal more of the latter than the former. I thought I know, in the kitchen, also, as all Mrs. Smith's daughters should be able to do. Well, I can't over them this Monday afternoon, and I leave it to her to decide the matter. It's wasting day, I know; but so much the better time to spend on household duties; and as I am going out

George Benson was a smart, intelligent young man; poor, but engaged in a profitable business, which bid fair, in a few years, to place him in independent circumstances. He wished

He was very much interested in both United and Josephine and hardly knew which he should prefer for a wife as both had many excellent qualities, but finally concluded to decide in favor of one the who should prove to be the most domestic.

Mr. Reynolds's about 3 o'clock. Josephine ushered him into the parlor. In a moment Josephine entered and welcomed him cordially.—To his surprise, instead of being fatigued as one will after a Monday's wash-

"Excuse my calling on Monday, Miss R. molly," said George, "but I was going to look (two for a week, and thought I would have a few more minutes before I went."

"I shall make but a short stay," continued George, "but I presume you are quite weary &

"Then you have been at liberty all day?"

with me from any other, I never did Maud's washing in my life. Mother tried to initiate me into the mysteries of the art, one day, but I was so awkward that she had to give up the experiment, and she said then, that there was no one else to whom she could teach the secret."

Father continued Josephine, would hire washing done every week, but mother says "but rather do it herself for economy's sake."

"I suppose it was once considered so," replied Josephine; "but gentlemen now-a-days generally hire their wives a wash-woman and a housekeeper, and ministers every purpose, and saves a

"Very convenient logic for the ladies," thought George.

"Some invisible cause has been at work," said he "for the sake of overseeing their error and knowing themselves that things are doing they should be, if for no other purpose."

"True, but I'm not of that sort. I abhor it

"Well," continued George, drawing a breath, for he was surprised to hear Joseph

expressed herself in directly contrary manner to the notions of a woman's duties, "a lady, who marries a poor man and finds it for her own interests to confine herself to circumstances, and attend to duties which are not agreeable to the sake of assisting her husband and

"Yes, but I make no calculation of that kind," said Josephine firmly, though pleasantly, for she was really an agreeable girl, though allowed to grow up with erroneous notions in regard to domestic affairs. "I prefer not to wed a man

"Then you would not make the right kind of a wife for me," thought George, "throughout of Josephine's remarks; and as soon as possible he changed the topic of conversation.

himself, an hour afterward, as he was weaving his way towards Mattie Burke's. It is a thing for me that I sounded her on housework before I proposed otherwise I might have myself been pretty fix. What a figure I

have cut with such a wife, why I should be obliged to turn cook and wash-woman, for I could not afford, in my present circumstances, to hire all my work done. I should have to be at home and wash Monday, iron Tuesday, and wash Wednesday, Saturday leaving only

What a life! Beautiful times I should have the business would be neglected, and I should have more than ever; if I could afford to have a housekeeper, it wouldn't better the ease of my mind than to have the directions of a

that things were done properly, as Joseph very far shows such detestable matters and calls them. A man that's going to have a wife ought to know it in time to get initials in household mysteries before marriage.

Now for Hattie Burke; and if she turns out Josephine in her taste and dislike of domesticity, setting aside the knowledge of them she cannot avoid having, as all say, her father has drilled her thoroughly in them; and is

then I'll seek a life companion in some part of the country, and perhaps make it the last of my present journey abroad to look for a wife. He had so welcomed him in an old dress, short sleeves a la wash-tub, and with a pair of shoes that were really washed so brown

"I ought to apologize," said she, as they entered the parlor, "but I dislike apologies; and you know that Monday is washing day, so I

And there's where I hoped to find you
come near saying, but checking himself,
plied, "I know it it's part of a woman
and I am sure an apology would be out of
"So I thought," said Mattie.

"Oh, by no means," replied Mattie; "through with our washing, which held on than usual, as mother has been quite unwell a week, and I am obliged to do the whole to-day. You will stay to tea, of course;

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